



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Applicant : Edwards et al.

Appl. No. : 09/471,276

Filed : December 21, 1999

Title : EXPRESSED SEQUENCE TAGS
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PROTEINS

Grp./A.U. : 1631

Examiner : Zhou, S.

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated 25 September 2001, in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby elect Group II, drawn to purified polypeptides, with traverse. Applicants further elect SEQ ID NO:831. Additionally, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the following amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits.

In the Drawings:

Please cancel Figures 5-9.

In the Specification:

Please accept the enclosed substitute specification.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 9, 14-16, and 18.

Please add new Claims 22-24 as follows:

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